



# Borgese Dwarf



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The motherland of most dwarves is **Mahakam**, but not all of them are born there. Dwarves live in Nilfgaard, were born in the North or even further beyond. These dwarves are more influenced by their local surroundings, not the rigid rules of Mahakam. Yet others, born in the mountains, decide to flee the ever-present social rules enforced by the Elders and look for luck in the human lands. Such dwarves are called *Borgese* – literally "of the town" in the **Onginnan** language, meaning middle-class, civilian, or bourgeois.

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*A borgese dwarf living in Novigrad*

## Significant Populations

<b>Majority</b>	The North, Southlands
<b>Minority</b>	Toussaint, further east

## Languages

<b>Primary</b>	Common speech
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## Religion

### Majority

Various

## Related ethnic groups

### Known

Mahakam dwarves



## Physical description

An adult dwarf grows as tall as a human male's chest. They are more sturdy than humans, which makes them tougher and stronger. They usually grow long beards. Dwarves are often excellent soldiers, artisans and businessmen. While they tend to be uncouth, they are also jolly and cheerful.

## Structure of the society

Dwarves born in other lands adhere to the structure of their chosen land. Dwarves in the north mirror the humans living around them, those born in Nilfgaard the Empire.

## Discrimination

Dwarves hold no special tendencies to discriminate against other races. Older dwarves have little faith in humans, but some do.

While the *Borgese* themselves may not discriminate actively, they are being discriminated against by the Mahakam dwarves. They are not allowed into Mahakam, are often seen as "influenced" by humans and elves and generally looked down upon as beings that lost their way. Even in a life-and-death situation, it is likely that the volunteer army would rather let the *Borgese* die than enter Mahakam.

## Women's rights

Dwarves see their women as treasures, so much so that they harbor the common delusion that all other races covet them. Dwarven men see their women as irresistably desirable and any mention of them usually earns hostility and jealousy.

## Language & Education

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Most dwarves speak Common Speech and the language most dominant in the region they live in. Some of the Borgese learn [Onginnan](#) as a kind of reminder of home, or to exchange information with fellow dwarves without others being able to understand. Their cultural level is that of their surrounding area, thus dwarves born in the north may not be able to read and write while those born in Nilfgaard can for sure.

## Religion

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Dwarves once, before humans arrived on the Continent, worshipped a diety similiar to Melitele, in that they worshipped a goddess of harvest and fertility. They rarely mention worshipping anything anymore.

## Naming customs

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While typical Dwarven names often seem short and to the point, Borgese ones might (but don't have to) be a bit longer, indicating human influence. A curious trait is the common usage of names and surnames that would be deemed "Italian" in our world. In general, the more generations a dwarven family spent outside Mahakam, the less Mahakaman their names appear.

### First names

- Male – Addario, Amadeus, Blasco, Boris, Bruno, Carlo, Caesar, Casimir, Cecil, Cosmo, Costin, Dino, Eusebio, Golan, Graham, Fabian, Felix, Ferko, Flavio, Franco, Gabron, Giacomo, Gunter, Gus, Heekernen, Ilarion, Isidor, Lucas, Lucian, Malcolm, Mario, Moise, Molnar, Nino, Ruiz, Titus, Trifan, Waldmer, Walter, Vadim, Vasile, Vimme, Yaki
- Female – Allegra, Amalia, Annunziata, Assunta, Azzura, Barbora, Benedetta, Bianca, Bridgetta, Catiusa, Cosmina, Danila, Debora, Dora, Eremia, Etta, Eudora, Eugenia, Fortunata, Giada, Gigliola, Giorgia, Gora, Ippolita, Irina, Irma, Lalita, Leonora, Michela, Nina, Pina, Roberta, Romina, Stella, Yolanda, Zita

### Family names

Andrada, Bach, Bassi, Bilzen, Birut, Bolt, Botticelli, Bucciarratti, Burdon, Cagliari, Candelera, Carpentieri, Cavadenti, Cianfanelli, Cohenn, Craggs, Dorrit, Drozdeck, Gandolfo, Goldis, Gord, Hargis, Hossu, Kay, Longher, Mavrodi, Merluzzo, Molinari, Panettieri, Pavarotti, Rabenick, Rafiberg, Schmartz, Teohari, Varese, Vernesco, Vivaldi, Zammorto

## Trivia

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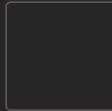
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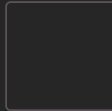
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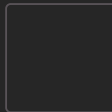
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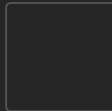
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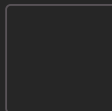
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